

What is Claimed:

1. A piece of baggage comprising:
a pack constructed of flexible material, the flexible material enclosing a hollow interior of the pack;
5 a rigid base attached to the pack;
at least two wheels mounted for rotation to the rigid base; and
a rigid towing member operatively connected to the base for pivoting movement of the towing member relative
10 to the base.
2. The piece of baggage of claim 1, wherein:
the towing member is connected to the base for pivoting movement of the towing member in a multiple of planes relative to the base.
3. The piece of baggage of claim 2, wherein:
the towing member is connected to the base by a ball-and-socket joint.
4. The piece of baggage of claim 1, wherein:
the towing member is curved and is connected to the base intermediate the at least two wheels.
5. The piece of baggage of claim 1, wherein:
the towing member is comprised of at least two portions that telescope so as to allow the towing member to extend and retract in a telescoping manner.
6. The piece of baggage of claim 5, wherein:
the two portions of the towing member are curved.

7. The piece of baggage of claim 1, further comprising:
a resiliently flexible backing sheet attached to the
towing member for movement of the backing sheet with the
towing member relative to the base, the backing sheet
5 also being attached to the pack.

8. The piece of baggage of claim 7, wherein:
the backing sheet is attached to the towing member
in a manner that allows the backing sheet to pivot about
the towing member.

9. The piece of baggage of claim 1, wherein:
the extendable towing member is comprised of a
single-pole telescoping member.

10. A piece of baggage comprising:
a pack for receiving and carrying objects;
at least two wheels mounted for rotation on the pack
and for supporting the pack when the pack is being towed;
5 and
a towing handle attached to the pack by a curved,
telescoping member, the telescoping member allowing the
handle to be selectively extended from the pack and
retracted back toward the pack along an arcuate path
10 relative to the pack.

11. The piece of baggage of claim 10, wherein:
the towing handle is attached to a single-pole,
telescoping member comprised of a non-extending portion
and at least one extending portion slidably attached to
5 the non-extending portion for relative telescoping
movement of the non-extending portion and the extending
portion.

12. The piece of baggage of claim 11 can be used as a backpack and as a hand towed piece of baggage, the piece of baggage further comprising:

a resiliently flexible backing sheet attached to the
5 non-extending portion of the telescoping member, the backing sheet being positioned between the non-extending portion of the telescoping member and a side the pack that rests against a person's back when the pack is worn as a backpack, the backing sheet also being attached to
10 the side of pack.

13. The piece of baggage of claim 12, wherein:

the backing sheet is attached to the non-extending portion of the telescoping member in a manner that allows the backing sheet to pivot about the non-extending
5 portion of the telescoping member.

14. The piece of baggage of claim 10, wherein:

the at least two wheels have a common axis and the telescoping member is operatively attached to the pack in a manner that allows the telescoping member to pivot
5 relative to the axis of the wheels.

15. The piece of baggage of claim 14, wherein:

the at least two wheels are mounted on a rigid base of the pack and the telescoping member is pivotally attached to the rigid base.

16. A piece of baggage for use as a backpack, the piece of baggage comprising:

a backpack constructed of a flexible material, the flexible material enclosing a hollow interior of the
5 pack;

a rigid base attached to a bottom of the pack;

a backing sheet attached to a side of the pack that rests against a user's back when the piece of baggage is worn as a backpack, the backing sheet and the rigid base
10 being moveable relative to each other.

17. The piece of baggage of claim 16, wherein:

the backing sheet has a contoured surface that conforms to a user's back when the piece of baggage is worn as a backpack.

18. The piece of baggage of claim 16 can be used as a backpack and as a hand towed piece of baggage, the piece of baggage further comprising:

at least two wheels mounted for rotation to the
5 rigid base;

a single-pole towing member operatively connected to the rigid base intermediate the at least two wheels; and

the back sheet is attached to the single-pole towing member for pivoting movement of the backing sheet about
10 the single-pole towing member.

19. The piece of baggage of claim 18, wherein:

the single-pole towing member is attached to the rigid base by a pivot connection enabling the single-pole towing member to pivot relative to the base.

20. The piece of baggage of claim 18, wherein:

the single-pole towing member is curved and telescopes in an arcuate path between extended and retracted positions relative to the pack.